REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-10, 12-17, and 19-22 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 22 is amended, and claims 23 and 24 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Office Action's indication that claims 1-3, 5-10, 12-17, 19-21 and 23 define allowable subject matter. Applicant has incorporated features of allowable claim 23 into claim 22, therefore, Applicant submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

1.   Election/Restrictions

The Office Action has withdrawn claim 24. Applicant accepts that claim 24 is patentably independent and distinct from that claims 1-3, 5-10, 12-17, and 19-22, and Applicant has canceled claim 24 without prejudice or disclaimer to expedite allowance of the application.

2.   35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claim 22 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Best* (U.S. Patent No. 4,130,846). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

As mentioned above, claim 22 has been amended to incorporate features of allowable claim 23, therefore Applicant submits that claim 22 is allowable. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

3. <u>Conclusion</u>

Applicant invites the Examiner to contact Applicant's representative at the telephone number listed below if any issues remain in this matter, or if a discussion regarding any portion of the application is desired by the Examiner.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed within the currently set shortened statutory period, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such extension of time may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 02-4800.
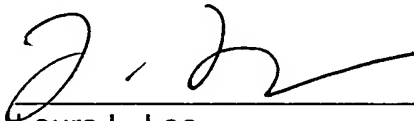
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